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Honorable Ramsey Clark
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You are seriously misinformed. In your today's appearance on "Face the Nation", you said it is the General Services Administration that is withholding evidence in the Kennedy assassination. It is your own Department of Justice in most cases. In no case of which I know is it the General Services Administration, which acts merely as custodian of the archive.

To make this simple and comprehensible to you, since May 23, 1966, I have been trying to see the spectrographic analysis of the bullet allegedly used in the assassination, the various fragments recovered from the bodies and the car, and of the windshield scrapings. Your Department of Justice, in my presence, misinformed the National Archives, insisting this document was public. When I established to the National Archives that this is not so, your Department became mute for more than four months.

The guidelines for withholding evidence are public. Not one of the restrictions apply in this case. No normal consideration of national security is involved, nor is there possibility of damage to innocent persons or risk of disclosure of confidential informants. This denial of access to what may not properly be restricted is in violation of your own order of October 31. It is being done by your own department in an exercise of raw power.

There are a number of similar cases I am prepared to document to you.

It is past time for the telling of truth. If, as you say, this is all you want with regard to the assassination, I call upon you to enforce your own order at this late date, to require your own department to stop violating it, and to make available to those of us accredited to research in this archive what you have been suppressing.

Other items of evidence have been suppressed and then released in response to public pressure. I hope from now on, with your pledge of dedication to the truth alone, we may expect your department to obey your order, to act in consonance with your expressed wishes, and to release spontaneously what it has been suppressing.

Respectfully,

Harold Weisberg